





## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

High school football got off to a roaring start in South Alabama last weekend. Just about everybody, who is anybody, had a ballgame Thursday or Friday night. We have long bemoaned the practice of playing football during the time we once picked the cotton and stacked the peanuts, but instead of getting our way, the seasons start earlier and earlier. On the positive side, we watched Arizona defeat the mighty Dallas Cowboys the Sunday night. Elba's own Ronald McKinnon was in on the tackle, which caused the fumble, that lead to the winning score in the closing minutes of the game! Go, man.

The new TV shows are coming soon. The fall lineup is supposed to have some changes. This may be good news, but it probably is more of the same, with many of us, even with the increased number of channels cable brings, complaining "there is nothing on TV tonight."

The news out of Washington is as usual... we give you a bone, but you can't chew on it. Congress included language in the recent tax reform bill allowing payment of taxes with a credit card. However, according to an Associated Press story this week, they don't allow the credit card company to get any income for handling the payment. Now pay, it is nice doing business with the feds, but for nothing!!! forget it. Why anyone would want to pay taxes with a credit card is unclear, but apparently there is a pretty large segment out there chomping at the bits for just such an option. They will have to wait until the feds realize it takes more than prestige of doing business with the government to get this off the ground.

The Alabama legislature is still at it in this special session, called specifically to hammer out acceptable budgets for the general fund and for education. They did pass one of them on to the governor, but the other is still in discussions. Actually neither has passed for sure, as Governor James had not yet signed off on the education budget. The problem continues to be "necessary projects" vs "pork." The dividing line changes, every time you talk to another player. My necessary project is your pork. It has been that way for generations and we don't expect it to end in our lifetime.

The argument continues around the world on just who is at fault in the death of Princess Di. Our opinion is that none of the players is blameless. Even the victims were at least careless by not wearing their seat belts. It came out this week that the surviving bodyguard was the only one who had his seat belt buckled. If you are wondering about the necessity of those things, let this be your wake up call.

The postmaster general said this week the post office needed help in battling their competitors. He said on-time delivery is getting better. Maybe it is, but not everywhere. It seems the out-of-town places to which we mail *Elba Clippers* are not among those with the improved on-time delivery services. Complaints come in every week from our subscribers about one week late, two week late, or no delivery of the newspaper. Long ago we stopped filling out the form the postal service furnishes to track wayward mail... the forms themselves seem to get lost, as we never get a response from the other end.

It rained a little bit Tuesday afternoon. It wasn't much, but you can bet that any peanut farmer in Coffee County said a little prayer of thanks and added, "please do it again." Many of those gathering peanuts this week are just trying to salvage what they can. The dry weather is causing peanuts to fall off the vines before they mature and then when the farmer tries to plow them up, the hard, dry soil tears off more of the penders. Another reason why farming is considered one of the largest gambles of life.

## PAY

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In October, Mayor Lee commented that the town's general fund was still holding at approximately \$24,000 after payment of all bills.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that during the past month, his department had investigated 4 complaints, made 7 arrests, investigated 3 traffic accidents, and issued 99 traffic citations.

He commented that street department employees delivered 6 street dogs to the dog pound in Elba, the rescue squad answered 12 calls and the fire department responded to 2 fires.

During a discussion on the pros and cons of issuing traffic citations, Councilman Charles Cole requested

that patrols on Lee and Vester Cole streets be increased just prior to school hours.

He noted that several speeding cars have been observed on these streets while children are standing alongside the street awaiting the arrival of the school buses.

If we don't slow these individuals down, we're going to have a terrible accident one of these mornings," said Cole.

Other items of business consisted of the following:

\*\*\*Approved payment of bills totaling \$13,173.32.

\*\*\*Informed that a streetlight had been placed at the intersection of Vester Cole and Tyler streets.

## CCC

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Mobley told commissioners that Judge Blair was asking them to concur with him in using the facility as a sentencing location for non-violent juveniles in lieu of the Youth Services Detention Center in Dothan.

The cost for using Pathway is \$10 per day per individual as opposed to \$52 per day per individual at the Dothan facility.

During the discussion of the request, there seemed to be some misunderstanding as to exactly what Judge Blair was requesting. A motion to table the matter and request that Judge Blair address the commission on the matter passed by a 4-3 vote.

Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Linda Westbrook, Len Averett, and Kayo Lewis voted for the motion while Commissioners Tom Grimsley, Robert Stephens, and Doug Dalrymple opposed tabling the request.

Other matters acted on by the commission were as follows:

\*\*\*Voted to employ Gloria Jean Bryant to perform janitorial services at the Damascus Senior Citizens Center. The rate of pay is to be \$5.50 per hour.

\*\*\*Approved Commissioner Westbrook's request to sign identifying the Woodland Grove Community be erected.

\*\*\*Mike Thompson was reappointed to serve on the Department of Human Resources Board of Directors.



**AARP'S REFRESHER DRIVING COURSE...** The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is sponsoring a refresher course for older drivers. The course, 55 Alive Mature Driving Course, will be offered at the Elba General Hospital and the two 4-hour classes will be held in the hospital's conference room. The date and time of the course is September 22-23, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Participants will receive eight hours of classroom instruction that refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. The course is open to anyone 50 and older and the fee is \$8 per person. For more information and to sign up, contact Patsy Lee at 897-2257, ext. 221. The instructor is Neil Wilson Gilmer, AARP Volunteer Driving Instructor. She has a background in automobile safety, having worked for the past 5 years for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Occupant Safety Program, administered through the University of GA Cooperative Extension Service. Pictured above looking over the course literature are (l-r): standing - Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, Neil Gilmer, and Charles Kennett; seated - Ellen Briley - Elba General Hospital Administrator.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1 Thru SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 1, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two assaults, two DUIs, three thefts of property, one death investigation, one criminal trespass, one failure to appear, and one harassment.

Arrests made during the week include: three for harassment and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: four for speeding, one for DUI, one for driver's license required, and one for an expired tag.

## Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 a.m. - City Hall

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office

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RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building

MASONIC LODGE 278 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER Mon-Fri: 8:12 noon & 12:30-6:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

AARP AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room

AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

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## FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

## Rooting Out Waste in the Federal Government

Before coming to Congress in 1993, I worked for 30 years as a small businessman, making payrolls and operating my newspaper businesses as cost-effectively as possible. I quickly learned that you don't stay in business by ignoring efficiency and cost. It's too bad the federal government has never caught on to this idea. But that's about to change.

Virtually no American needs convincing that Washington is home to incredible waste and inefficiency. Examples are strewn throughout the federal bureaucracy. Take for instance a July report from the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which estimates the amount of waste in the Medicare program at 14 percent of total payments — a staggering \$23 billion a year. Meanwhile the IRS, delinquent tax debt has increased from \$125 billion to \$200 billion, while that agency has wasted \$4 billion on a failed computer system.

The federal government is also a master of duplication of services. Taxpayers fund more than 788 education programs spanning 40 different agencies to the tune of nearly \$100 billion each year. Almost 30 cents of every federal education dollar is lost in bureaucratic overhead, never seeing the inside of a classroom.

And, at the same time teenage drug use soars, taxpayers fund 70 different anti-drug programs scattered throughout 57 departments and agencies — including 19 separate "intelligence centers" in 10 departments, with most of the information off-limits to the administering agencies! The cost? Sixteen billion dollars a year.

The conservative Congress is aware of this abysmal federal performance. Since taking office, we have rooted out considerable federal waste

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 2, 1997 through September 8, 1997. They were: Theora Jones, Woodrow Young, Bernice Nichols, Eulene Prescott, Earnest Ellensburg, Edwin Kelley, Shannon Sasser, Sherry Soars, Daisy Rhodes, Susan Parker, and Essie Baldwin.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Mary James, Charles Pitt, Charles Watson, Vida Rushing, D. W. Cordie, Bernice Nichols, Earnest Ellensburg, Trudie Jackson, Woodrow Young, Theora Jones, and Shannon Sasser.

## MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.



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## We get Letters.....

Dear Editor,  
The following letter authored and signed by Gov. Fob James expresses my thoughts and concerns for the Alabama Medicaid program:

Dear Friend,  
In the last few weeks you may have been told that you might lose your nursing home care. This is not true and I am sorry for any anxiety such a lie may have caused you.

The federal government pays a large portion of your nursing home costs and federal law will not allow any resident to be discharged without permission of Alabama's Medicaid Commissioner, Gwen Williams. Commissioner Williams would not tolerate any such thing at all.

Further, the commissioner is a cabinet member appointed by me, and I want you and your family to know beyond any shadow of doubt that no Medicaid eligible resident will ever lose their nursing home care.

I seek only to make nursing home care more efficient because our costs have gotten out of control. Alabama pays more for nursing home care than any other southeastern state.

\*Nursing home costs in Alabama from 1990 to 1995 have risen more than twice the national average. Nationally, costs rose 53 percent. In Alabama, costs rose 114 percent.

Alabama Medicaid paid almost \$500 million more for nursing home

care than would have been paid had our costs risen at the national average.

\*The average charge per day per bed of other southeastern states is \$75.50, or \$24.24 less per day than Alabama nursing homes are paid. This means taxpayers are paying \$387,840 per day or \$141.5 million per year MORE than the southeastern average for the same nursing home care.

\*Here are the reimbursement rates for other southeastern states:

Average Daily Rate:	
Alabama	\$99.74
Arkansas	\$61.98
Louisiana	\$62.75
Georgia	\$71.59
Kentucky	\$77.11
S. Carolina	\$79.70
Tennessee	\$81.67
Florida*	\$93.75
Southeastern Ave.	\$75.50

(\*Florida's rates are unique due to high costs in South Florida)

The facts speak for themselves, and I ask you to support me in finding a solution to stabilize competitive nursing home costs long term. This is right for residents and taxpayers alike.

If we do not address these rising costs, it could jeopardize the whole Medicaid program.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-591-4217 or write: Gov. Fob James, Jr., 600 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, AL 36130.

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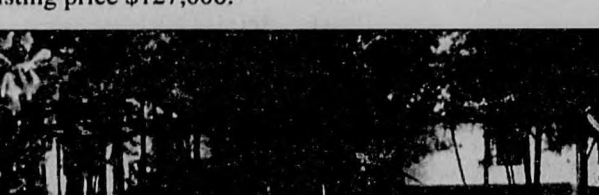
Jim J. DuBose - Broker/Owner



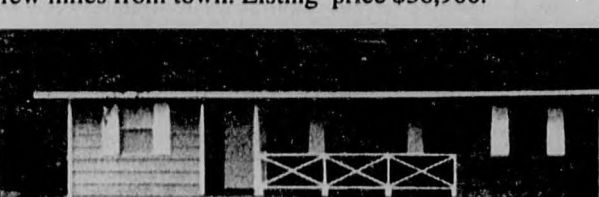
**LISTING 278** - 1143 Oak Ave. There is a home you family can love and afford! This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, large den with fireplace, nice deck, patio, workshop, and is situated on a large, beautifully landscaped lot. Call! Listing price \$75,000.



**LISTING 279** - Rt. 1, Box 64-4, Elba, AL. My firebird chat comes to you from spacious living area of this beautiful home where Santa's favorite fireplace is centerpiece! This beauty is situated on 2 acres. See to be spoiled on the best! Listing price \$127,000.



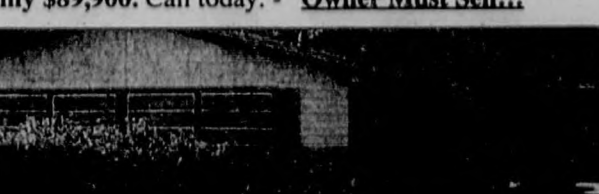
**LISTING 280** - Rt. 2, Box 128-F, Elba, AL. Country quiet. This 2-Bedroom, 2-Bath home is situated on 1 acre, just a few miles from town. Listing price \$36,900.



**LISTING 281** - Rt. 1, Box 259-B, Jack, AL. Cute, clean and convenient to Zion Chapel School. This home is situated on beautiful 1-acre lot 1 mile from school. Simply peaceful! Raise your family in this quiet neighborhood! Listing price \$33,900.



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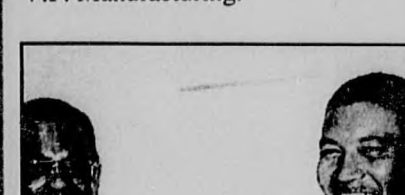
THE 12TH ANNUAL CURTIS SCHOOL REUNION will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park, located near Danley's Cross Roads on Hwy. 166 (old 84) near Elba. Those attending should bring a covered dish; ice and serving utensils will be furnished. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with lunch to be served at noon.

Pictured above are the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade classes of Curtis School, 1945-46: (Bottom Row, l-r): Buck Donaldson, Bill Grimes, Donald Taylor, Jack Donaldson, Billy Jacobs, Brady Daugherty, Henry Weaver, Hoyt Williams, Ray Blocker (Second Row, l-r): Dorothy Sue Rascoe, Myrtle Sanders, Evelyn Smooters, Lavonia Johnson, Jean Taylor, Plooye Johnson, Mary Frank Weaver, Terrell Nails, Sam King Jr., Rita Faye Galloway, Edlene Crocker (Third Row, l-r): Tommy Griffin, Lamar Grimes, Dora Jacobs, Louise Jones, Syble King, Winola Donaldson, Carlton Gauntney, Chastine Rushing, Billy Olmstead, Haywood Moore, Pickens Crocker, Rudolph King (Top Row, l-r): Roland Hudson, Roy Adams, Fannie Lou Anderson, Louise Archer, Principal E.C. Griffin, 8th grade teacher Mary Ringsdorf, 7th grade teacher Mae Morris, Sara Nell Gaines, Louise Daniels, Mansel Taylor, Charlie Jacobs

## OBITUARY

## Card of Thanks

**ANNE BULLARD** Administrative Assistant (r) receives a gold watch upon her retirement. Presenting the watch is Doug Allgood, V.P. Manufacturing.



**VANCE MARTIN LINDSEY** Mr. Vance Martin Lindsey, age 61, of Brantley, died Sept. 2, 1997, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Richard Moss officiating.

Burial was in the Pine Level

Community Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Julie Lindsey and Janet Lindsey, both of Montgomery; four brothers: James W. Lindsey, Youngstown, Ohio; Gareth Lindsey, Elba; Gerald Lindsey, Auburn; Bryan Lindsey, Athens, Ga.; two sisters: Sara Nell Hancock, Opelika; Janice Sport, Brantley.

We want to send our sincere thanks to each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one.

The food, flowers, visits, cards and your prayers were a special comfort to us in our time of need. May God bless each of you.

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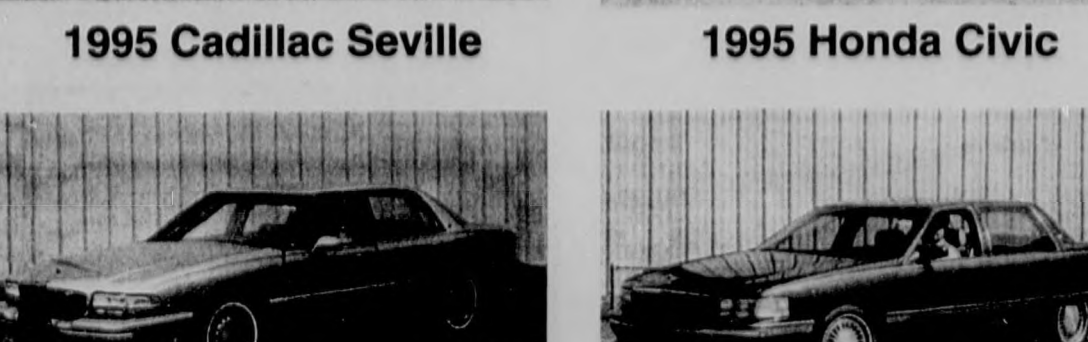
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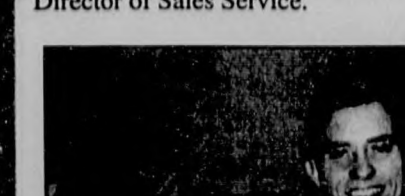


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**PEGGY MIXON**, Aftermarket Parts (r) receives a gold watch upon her retirement. Presenting the watch is Kenny Sawyer, V.P. Human Resources.



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## Social and Community News

## Mrs. Smith honored at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

A ceremony honoring Mrs. Claude Lee Smith was held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 3. Upon entering the church, Mrs. Smith was presented a white rose corsage and seated in a place of honor.

Pastor Richard Moss initiated the "This Is Your Life" program by giving a brief summary of Mrs. Smith's life.

Unbeknown to Mrs. Smith, a representation of friends, neighbors, former students, and teaching colleagues were hidden behind the altar. As each one related his/her message of how Mrs. Smith had influenced their lives, the honoree was asked to guess their identity.

"She was always available to cook for bereaved families, tour children who needed a little 'boost,' and take in every homeless animal that was left at her door. Her heart and home were always open to those who needed her," said a friend.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Fern Boland and Mrs. Wanda Beck sang Mrs. Smith's favorite hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Everyone was invited to the Educational Building to partake of the covered dish supper which members of the community and church had prepared for the occasion, and while there, to say goodbye to Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith moved to Virginia Aug. 14 to be near her daughter, Dr. Mary John Smith.



Mrs. Claude Lee Smith

## Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel to meet

The Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will hold its first meeting of the year, on September 16th, at 11:00 A.M., at the Coffee County Board of Education in Elba.

Dr. Rick McBride, Executive Secretary of the AL Retired Teachers Association will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served by Kelly's Bar-B-Q.

The families of Jim and Fannie Grimes Wilson will host the annual Grimes reunion on Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Jeffcoat Bldg., Opp Micalas Mills Recreation Center in Opp, beginning at 11 a.m., with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Christine Wilson Knudson, Alexandria, Va., will present some interesting Grimes/Tillis family history at the reunion.

The reunion is held the first Sunday in October each year to commemorate the birthday of Malissa Tillis Grimes, wife of James Thos Grimes.

For more information contact Neil Wilson Gilmer, 493-2182 or Linda Cannon Westbrook, 897-5565.

The monthly meeting of the Elba Chapter of the AARP will be held at the Senior Citizens Building on Sept. 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

Charles Kennett, president, invites all retired persons to attend and bring a covered dish for a meeting of good food, fun and fellowship for one hour on the third Tuesday night of each month.

Speaker for the program will be Pauline Cobb of Dothan, director of the AARP chapters in this area.

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## Garden Club tours assisted living facility

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its first meeting for the 1997-98 year on Sept. 4, in the elegant dining room of the assisted living facility, Taylor Mill Oaks.

Guest speaker for the morning service will be Brian Payne.

A covered dish lunch will be served, and there will be singing by the club members.

Mrs. Katherine White, general assistant at Taylor Mill Oaks, and Mr. Kenneth Calhoun, owner, were introduced by Mrs. Syble Hahn, program chairman.

Mr. Calhoun gave a brief history of the facility, stating it meets or exceeds all state and local regulations for safety, has generator hook-ups in the event of power outage, private bedrooms, and other amenities.

Mrs. White conducted a tour for club members, including the kitchen, great room, patio, den, and private rooms, which are equipped for music and TV.

Eighteen members enjoyed the tour, and visited with friends living in Taylor Mill Oaks.

Evangelist Sammy Parks will minister at Batten Praise and Worship Center on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., as Batten enters its 26th week of revival.

Rev. Charles Chapman, senior pastor, will preach Thursday night service, which will also begin at 7 o'clock.

Batten Praise and Worship Center is located in Enterprise on Highway 27 South (Geneva Highway).

For more information call the church at 393-2319.

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## Homecoming to be held at Basin Baptist Church

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Mrs. Cressie Harrison

## Mrs. Harrison to celebrate 90th birthday

Mrs. Cressie Redmon Harrison will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sept. 14, at a restaurant in Enterprise.

She was the wife of the late M.M. (Mancil) Harrison of Elba.

A resident of the Elba Nursing Home, "Miss Cross" enjoys participating in the many activities and spending time with her friends.

Evangelist Sammy Parks will minister at Batten Praise and Worship Center on Friday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., as Batten enters its 26th week of revival.

Rev. Charles Chapman, senior pastor, will preach Thursday night service, which will also begin at 7 o'clock.

Batten Praise and Worship Center is located in Enterprise on Highway 27 South (Geneva Highway).

For more information call the church at 393-2319.

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## Cemetery working planned at Pleasant Ridge Church

A cemetery working at the Pleasant Ridge Church near Victoria is planned for Saturday, September 20th.

Concerned persons are encouraged to attend, bring your tools, and help get the cemetery grounds cleaned up for homecoming.

Homecoming is planned for Sunday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Buddy Hood, pastor of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, Wicksburg, AL.

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The meaning of FORGIVENESS is the giving up of resentment or claim to requital on account of an offense. More simply put, to send off, or away. Keeping this in mind, forgiveness is conditioned on repentance and the willingness to make repentance, or atonement.

All of us have felt the need for forgiveness, whether on the spiritual level or from our fellow man. And likewise all of us at one time or another have been in the position to grant forgiveness to a fellow man. Committing a wrongful act against God or our fellow man can haunt the soul and feed a sense of guilt and fear because we dread the penalty of our wrongdoing.

If we come seeking forgiveness in the spirit of humility, we may also be looking for PARDON to cancel our guilt, as well as for RESTORATION that might cancel our penalty. Pardon and restoration by God is extended only when there is true repentance validating God's forgiveness.

Christ has provided for us a perfect example of how one must approach God for forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer. This, the model prayer, has the inclusiveness of all we need to say in our petition to a merciful and gracious God.

Jesus recognized our continuous need for the "Thy forgiveness as we grow in knowledge and grace. The Lord kn... that sin would be ever present to tempt, to lure and ensnare the people of God who sometimes travel this Christian highway unaware of the dangers and evils around them. We live with this bright assurance: that God is able to deliver us out of any situation we may fall into, if we keep humbleness of heart and are willing to be accountable for our error.

This humbleness of spirit keeps us in the right attitude to approach God with the high expectancy to be forgiven. We must also exhibit this self-same attitude when forgiving others -- keeping in mind that our forgiveness by God is not something we deserve or have earned, but it is through the grace of God that He shows us his mercy, grace and love. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The way we forgive is the same way we are forgiven -- if we forgive, we can be forgiven; if we forgive in part, we cannot expect God to forgive in full. The gravity of sin that others commit against us cannot begin to compare with the gravity of our sins against God and His love; yet, how much more reluctant we are to grant forgiveness to others than God is to grant forgiveness to us.

Under grace, we are forgiven for Christ's sake, and exhorted to forgive because we have been forgiven. I pray we find ways to forgive and love one another!

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Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School has been in for over four weeks, and it has now become official that Mom has opened a taxi service. She takes Melissa to volleyball and cheerleader practice at least three days a week, heads off to junior high football games one night a week, follows Melissa to volleyball matches three days a week, takes Melanie to pee-wee cheerleader practice two days a week and then goes to the youth football games on Saturday nights. Oh well, at least the pay is good!

## ELBA TIGERS DROP OPENER TO CHARLES HENDERSON

The Elba Tigers began the David Sikes era last Friday night and saw the opener end on a down note as the Charles Henderson Trojans scored late to edge past the tired Tigers 16-14, in front of a near-capacity crowd packed into Tiger Stadium. The loss was disappointing to everyone involved; however, after the game I couldn't find anyone that had anything but good things to say about the players, the coaches and the effort given by all in the loss. The fans understood that Elba's program has slipped a little from its glory days of the past, and were happy to see the effort displayed on the field Friday night. It wasn't a win, but it looked like the beginning of better days for the folks here in Tigertown.

Elba's offense had improved almost daily in the days leading up to the opener, but Friday night the offense struggled from start to finish and really threatened to score only once the entire game. The Tiger running game was non-existent for much of the game, and of the 23 running plays used in the game, 12 of the plays failed to even get back to the line of scrimmage. Elba managed only 32 yards on the ground on its 23 attempts, and it was obvious that the young offensive line had major problems trying to block the aggressive Charles Henderson defensive front. Elba did show signs of life midway through the third quarter when Derek Marler hit Derrick Duncan with a 24-yard pass completion and later when Marler scrambled for an 11-yard gain. Both plays came on the same possession, but so did a four-yard loss and a pass interception. Coach Sikes said during the game that it got so bad they were drawing up plays on the dirt. He was only kidding, but I'm sure new plays will be drawn this week in an attempt to maximize the few plays that were visible against Henderson.

Over on defense, the Tigers battled tooth and nail for all four quarters, with both Henderson touchdowns coming after short punts, and late in both

halves. When the Elba defensive players were fresh they were much quicker than their opponents and were in charge, but the players got tired as the game progressed and Charles Henderson took advantage of its size to take control of the line of scrimmage. One of the most visible players on defense had to be senior Wesley Johnson. Johnson had four tackles for losses among his nine total stops, and also scooped up a fumble and raced 32 yards for an Elba touchdown. A lot of players looked good on the defensive side of the ball, but Johnson really stood out and led the defensive charge.

The Elba coaches and players knew going into the game that fatigue would become a factor, and it became even more of a factor that feared late in the game when as many as four or five starters would be on the sidelines at a time trying to catch their breath so they could get back in the game. Playing non-stop early in the season is hard, and Friday night just about everyone had to play both ways, which led to the late-game problems. With only 23 stops on the team, the fatigue factor is one that will have to be addressed, and hopefully overcome by well-timed breaks and chances to rest, but it is never so short.

The loss Friday night hurt the players and coaches, especially because of the fact they had a chance to win. However, when the effort is there and the desire is there, you know that good things are bound to happen sooner or later, and I urge all Tiger fans to get behind Coach Sikes and this team and let 'em know that they have your support. Rome wasn't built in a day, and even the great Tiger teams of the past had obstacles they had to overcome before they hung the state championship banners in the hall. Keep the faith, Coach Sikes is determined to take Elba back to the top of the high school ladder, and with everyone's support I too believe it can be done.

## AREA TEAMS OPEN WITH BIG VICTORIES

The opening week of the season was filled with excitement across the state, and such was definitely the case in the area as three teams posted big opening week wins. Here's a quick look back at the week that was...

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON proved once and for all that "Speed Kills" as the Gamecocks used their speed in the offensive backfield to shock the Houston Academy Raiders 37-0. The New Brockton offense was almost unstoppable in rolling to the win, while the defense bent throughout the game under the weight of the huge Raider line, but never broke, and turned back countless challenges to record the shut-out. The Gamecocks may not be as good as their fans think, but they are a lot better than anyone thought before the season began. The Pride is back!

\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL began the Randy Grant era and gave the new coach something to remember as the Rebels spotted Thorby an early 21-6 lead and then came storming back to clobber their guests 49-34. The new look Rebels unleashed a trio of solid running backs in junior Ben Pritchett, junior Junior Jones and freshman Durane Flowers, and the speedy backs used

the blocking of a huge offensive line to run wild. The defense gave up some yards and points, but it never quit fighting, and showed everyone in attendance that this Rebel team has a new attitude and desire. Zion Chapel will still take its share of lumps along the way, but it is clear that a bright future is on the way in Jack.

\*\*\*BRANTLEY opened on Thursday night and survived a very strong and talented Straughn team and enough yellow penalty flags to choke an elephant to claim a wild 14-13 overtime win in last week's opener. The Bulldogs are still a very young team that has a lot of experience yet to gain, however, they showed last week that they are a team that can beat anyone on their schedule on any given night, and may not be as far away from a return to the playoffs as many think. The Brantley Bulldogs might leave other teams "green" with envy.

\*\*\*KINSTON and its "Fighting Few" opened against what is supposed to be a much improved Red Level team and almost pulled out the win before falling 9-6. The Bulldogs were obviously limited in what they could do on offense and had their problems moving the football, but played inspired on defense and battled until the final horn. It is no secret that the Bulldogs are down in more than just numbers; however, everyone knows that a real Bulldog never quits fighting, and I look for that to be proved each and every week by these bunch of Bulldogs down in Kinston.

## FEW SURPRISES AS PREP SEASON KICKS OFF

The beginning of the high school football season is always hard to predict; however, this season it seemed like there were fewer surprises statewide than in recent memory. Here's a quick trip across the state to find out what really took place...

\*\*\*CLASS 6A - Top-ranked Central of Tuscaloosa, had a fight on its hands before defeating Amistad 21-7, while Murphy, of Mobile, shocked Jeff Davis 7-6 and Robert E. Lee opened with a solid 21-0 win over Carver. Closer to home, Enterprise survived a trip to the beach and edged past Bay 20-19, while Dothan skunked Theodore 23-14 and Northview pounded Bainbridge 38-8.

\*\*\*CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount made it known that it was after yet another crown with a 41-0 win over Williamson, while #2 Etowah ripped North Jackson 42-6 and Saks whipped up on Weaver 21-6. Closer to home, Eufula was impressive with a 24-7 win over Columbus, Georgia; Opp used its muscle and depth to defeat Luverne 21-7; and Greenville made it look easy in a 38-0 win over Monroe County.

\*\*\*CLASS 4A - #1 Fayette drilled Tuscaloosa Hillcrest 41-0 to make it clear that it is ready to defend its crown, while T.R. Miller jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead and destroyed Andalusia 42-0, and Alexandria got off to a fast start with a 42-12 win over Florence. Closer to home, W.S. Neal had some problems before getting past Hillcrest, of Evergreen 14-9; Ashford totally wiped out Pike County 28-0; and Geneva turned Geneva County every way but loose in winning 31-0.

\*\*\*CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Colbert County had an easy time in defeating Colbert Heights 34-6, while #2 Briarwood won over Oak Grove 28-13 and UMS-Wright slipped past Citronelle 20-14. Closer to home, Cottonwood battled past Rehobeth 29-28 in double-overtime; Trinity slipped past Catholic 14-0 and Headland got shelled by Dale County 47-19.

\*\*\*CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County got scored on, but still managed to win over Cleburne County 14-7, while Hazlewood edged past Courtland 14-6 and Excel ripped Coffeewille 40-0. Closer to home, Samson was impressive in a 41-22 win over Slocomb; Goshen had to battle to get past Antion 20-14; and Florala fell hard to Highland Home 36-7.

\*\*\*CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville posted a very impressive 35-0 win over Natusuga, while #4 Marengo slipped past Wilcox-Central 8-7 and #9 Autaugaville demolished Francis Marion 62-0. Closer to home, Frisco City whipped up an A.L. Johnson 12-6.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR LIMPS INTO WEEK #2

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office late Sunday afternoon and was still complaining about how hard it is to predict the opening week of the season in high school football. He said that when a guesser such as himself makes three games in his own county, it should be clear the opening week is almost impossible. I didn't believe a word of his grumbling, and finally pulled this week's picks out of his notebook. Oh yeah - just for record - the local prognosticator hit on 26 of 34 picks last week, which isn't really all that bad.

## ELBA VS. LUVERNE

Two hungry Tigers will come to town Friday looking for their first win of the young football season, and that can only mean that it will simply be yet another classic battle between Elba and Luverne. If Luverne can get back some of its injured players it will be a heavy favorite; however, the game will be played in Elba, and last week the black-and-gold Tigers protected their home turf until the final horn. Get ready to rumble! LUVERNE 14 ELBA 8

## KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

This "Battle of Bulldogs" will take place in Hartford, and both sets of 'Dogs will be foaming at the mouth to get a win after falling hard in week #1. Kinston showed a lot of pride and heart last week against Red Level and should be confident this week, despite the opposition, while Geneva County probably can't wait for Kinston to come to town. This one is going to be a lot closer than you might think. GENEVA COUNTY 13 KINSTON 6

## NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

The New Brockton Gamecocks used their feathers to fly high and their spurs to get respect last week in a stunner over Houston Academy, and this week will be looking for win #2 against the G.W. Long Rebels. The Rebels had an easy time last week against Lowly Clayton, but will find out there is a big difference from one week to the next. NEW BROCKTON 27 G.W. LONG 12

## ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The Rebels played dead early in their opener last week before ambushing Thorby 49-34 for one of their biggest wins in years, while Houston Academy was talking big before it came to New Brockton, but mighty quiet on the ride back home. It is always hard to win in Dothan, and while these Rebels won't go down without a fight, they will go down.

## HOUSTON ACADEMY 34 ZION CHAPEL 16

## BRANTLEY VS. RED LEVEL

The Bulldogs opened the season with a bang last week in posting an impressive win over 2A Straughn, while Red Level showed that the Tigers are on their way back with a win over Kinston. Red Level is much improved, but not enough to seriously threaten this bunch of 'Dogs. BRANTLEY 20 RED LEVEL 0

## OTHER SCORES:

Addison 29 Madison Academy 6  
Carrollton 22 American Christian 13  
Arton 14 Louisville 13  
Autaugaville 40 St. Jude 0  
Goshen 26 Coffeewille 8  
Maplesville 34 Leachapoka 18  
Clay County 21 Elmore County 7  
Bullock County 34 Clayton 0  
Dale County 22 Cottonwood 20  
Excel 45 Florala 8  
Slocomb 32 Houston County 12  
St. Paul's 28 McIntosh 0  
Samson 14 Wicksburg 12  
Ashford 35 Headland 0  
Geneva 17 Rehobeth 7  
T.R. Miller 21 Valley 10  
W.S. Neal 14 Andalusia 13  
Talladega 29 Pike County 6  
Greenville 22 Wetumpka 8  
Opp 17 Charles Henderson 10  
Demopolis 45 Monroe County 6  
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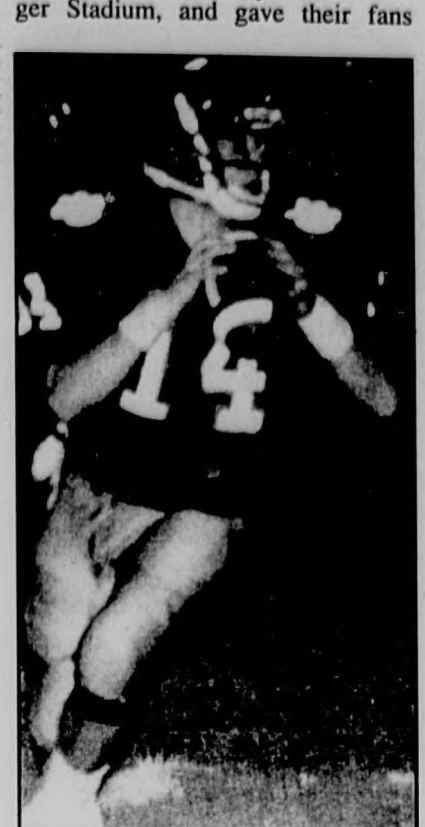
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## Late TD dooms Elba

## Tigers drop opener 16-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers opened the 1997 football season last Friday night in front of a near-capacity crowd at Tiger Stadium, and gave their fans



Derek Marler (14) looks for a receiver downfield.

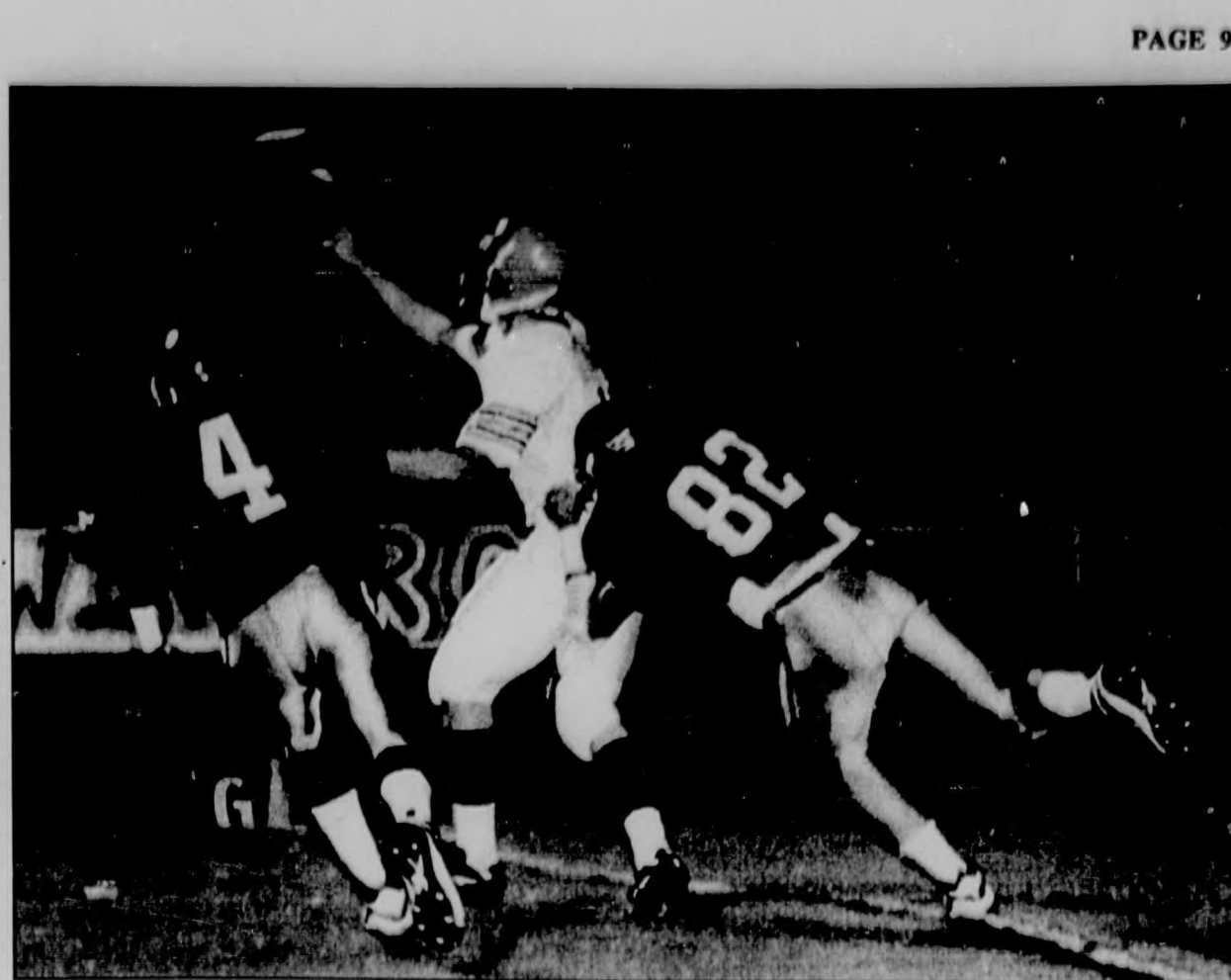


Kerry Kelley helps keep the fans excited on Friday night.



Elba's Julian Mitchell (5) tries to elude the Charles Henderson defense in the Tigers 16-14 defeat to the 5A Trojans.

Vallee Moore performs with the Marching Tigers.



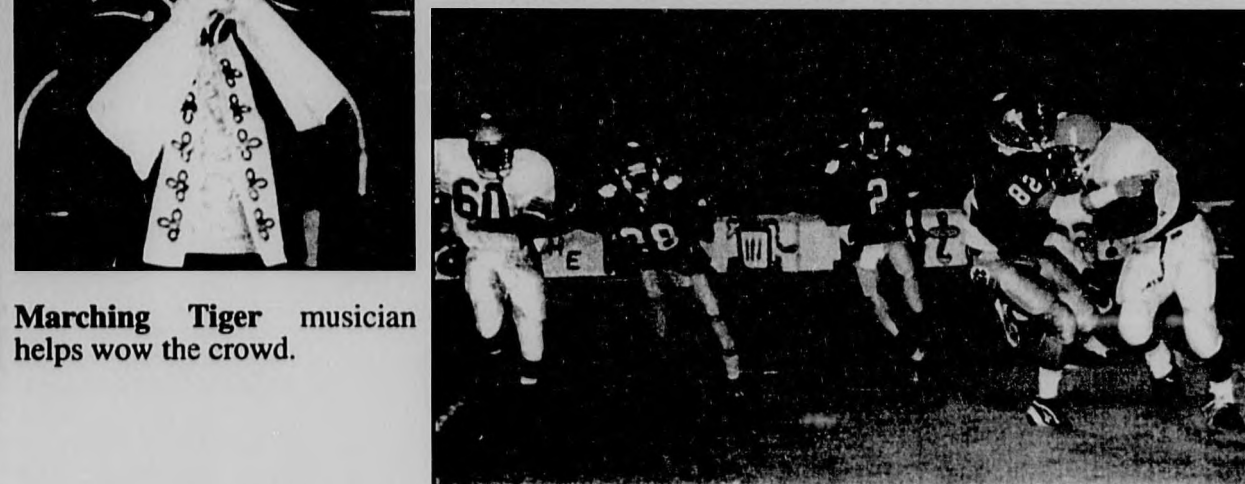
Elba defensive-end Wesley Johnson (82) applies heavy pressure to Charles Henderson quarterback Pat Cain (13) as teammate Keni Mitchell (4) arrives to help. Johnson made 9 tackles to lead the Elba defense in the season-opening loss to the Trojans.



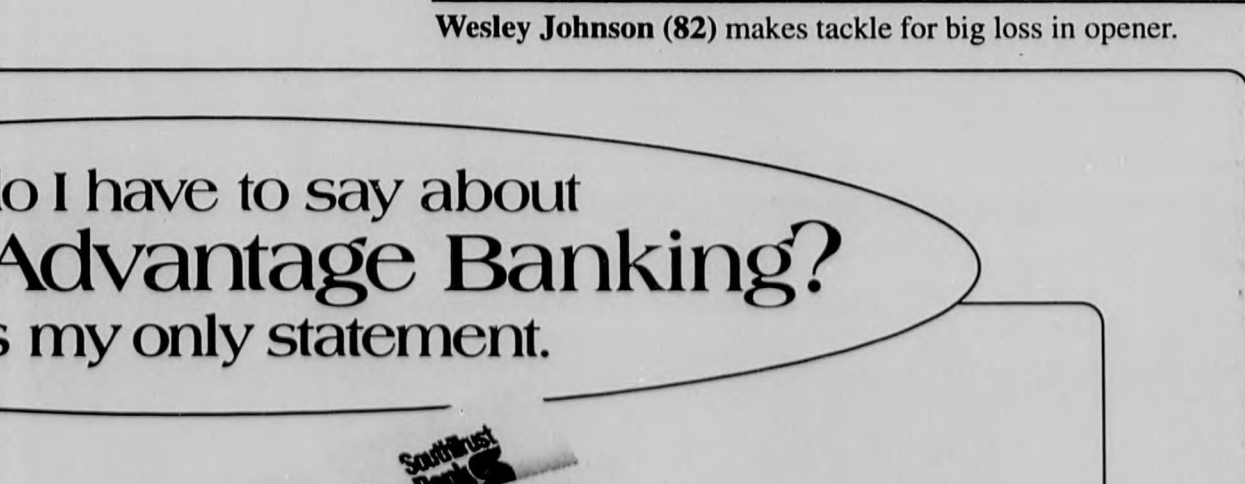
Youngsters enjoy a night out at Tiger Stadium.



Elba's Wade Parker (15) looks for running run Friday night.



Marching Tiger musician helps wow the crowd.



Wesley Johnson (82) makes tackle for big loss in opener.

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## ELBA HIGH SCHOOL LADY TIGERS 1997 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Game
Sept.8	Samson	Home	4:30	JV, Varsity
Sept.9	D'phin/Eprise	Home	4:30	JV
Sept.11	Goshen (2)	Home	4:00	Varsity
Sept.13	Tourney	Kinston	9:00	Varsity
Sept.16	Geneva (2)	Home	3:30	JV
Sept.17	Rehobeth (2)	Home	3:30	Varsity
Sept.18	Headland (2)	Away	4:00	Varsity
Sept.22	Red Level (2)	Away	4:00	Varsity
Sept.23	GW Long	Away	2:00	JV, Varsity
Sept.30	New Brock.	Home	3:30	JV, Varsity
Oct.2	D'phin/Eprise	Away	4:30	JV
Oct.6	Headland (2)	Home	4:00	Varsity
Oct.7	Opp (3 of 5)	Home	4:30	Varsity
Oct.9	Goshen (2)	Away	4:00	Varsity
Oct.14	New Brock.	Away	3:30	JV, Varsity
Oct.15	Rehobeth (2)	Away	4:30	Varsity
Oct.16	Red Level (2)	Home	4:00	Varsity
Oct.20	Samson	Away	4:30	JV, Varsity
Oct.21	GW Long	Home	2:00	JV, Varsity
Oct.23	Opp	Away	4:40	JV
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A discussion on the posting of yard sale signs led to instructions for the police to issue warnings until people are aware of the ordinance against any signs without a permit from city hall.

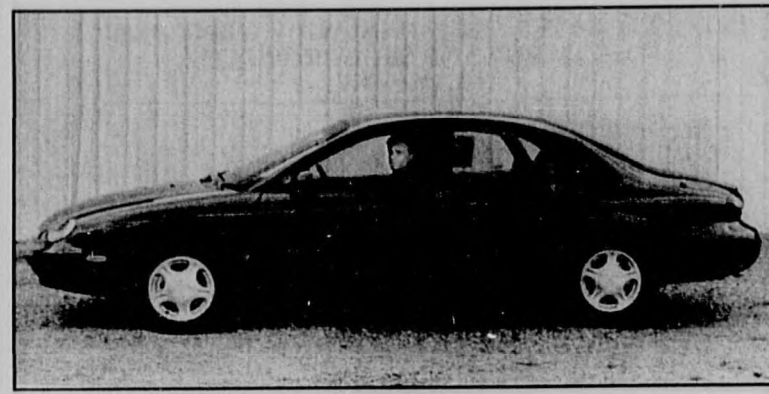
City Clerk Donnie Morrow expressed compliments to every city worker, "with a special nod to the Recreation Department for making the stadium look as good as ever."

He explained the bleachers had been steam cleaned in preparation for the little league football and it had worked in perfectly for the Foggy Bottom festival.

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FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of

HERBERT JONES,

an incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF FILING OF

FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT SAM-

MY LEE DONALDSON, as Conservator

of the Estate of Herbert Jones, an in-

capacitated person, filed his account and

vouchers for partial settlement of said Es-

tate on the 26th day of August, 1997, and

that the 30th day of September, 1997, at

10:00 o'clock A.M. has been appointed to

hear said settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE

29th day of August, 1997.

/s/ William O. Gamblitt

JUDGE OF PROBATE 9-4,11,18chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

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/s/ Raymond Davis

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## SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of writ of execution issued

out of the District Court of Coffee County,

Elba Division, Alabama, and to me direct-

ed, whereby I am commanded to make

the amount of a certain judgment recently

obtained against Joseph E. Johnson in fa-

vor of Army Aviation Center F.O.U. in fa-

vor of the goods, chattels, lands and

tenements of the said Joseph E. Johnson,

I have levied on the following

property, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Col-

lege County, Alabama and being more par-

ticularly described as follows: Commenc-

ing at the Northwest corner of Lot 1,

Lakeside Subdivision as Recorded in Plat

Book 2, Page 71, Probate Office, Elba

Division, Alabama; thence S80°36'25"E

336.04 feet to the West side of Lakeside

Drive and the Point of Beginning; thence

N2°56'12"W along the West side of Lake-

view Drive 189.16 feet to a point; thence

S24°32'42"W 153.53 feet to the waters

edge of Lake Gregory; thence along the

waters edge of Lake Gregory a chord dis-

tance and bearing of S5°42'45"E 215.49

feet to a point; thence N74°40'22"E

154.05 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said property is located in the SE 1/4

of the NW 1/4, Section 18, T5N, R22E

and containing 0.705 acres or less.

Therefore, according to said com-

mand, I shall expose for sale at public

auction, all the right, title, and interest of

the above named Joseph E. Johnson in

and to the above described property, as

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However, sources close to the

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sentence, were overturned by the Al-

abama Court of Criminal Appeals

and a new trial was ordered. The ap-

peals court ruled that Ziglar's es-

timated value was forced to testify

against him.

The case was retried (second

trial) in December of 1994 and the

jury was unable to reach a verdict,

thus causing a mistrial to be de-

clared.

On Friday afternoon, May 10,

1996, Owen Ziglar's third trial en-

ded in a hung jury with a mistrial be-

ing declared by Circuit Judge Wil-

liam "Bill" Barr late in the

afternoon.

Prior to the start of the fourth

trial, District Attorney Fuller stated

that regardless of the outcome, it

would be the final trial.

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## Owen Ziglar's case nol-prossed

by Marvin McLain - Editor

On August 28, 1997 Owen Ziglar's fourth trial ended in a hung jury and a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr.

Ziglar's defense attorneys, Stafford Pittman and Richard Whitaker, filed a motion with the court to dismiss the charge against him on August 29, 1997.

District Attorney Mark Fuller also filed a motion before the court. His motion was to nolle prosequi (formal notice by the prosecutor that prosecution in a criminal case will be ended) the case.

Thursday, September 11, Judge Barr denied the defense's motion to dismiss; however, he granted the state's motion to nolle pross.

## Elba W&amp;E Board told cost totals more than charges

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board members heard Chairman Tim Johnson report that the pumping and delivery of water continues to cost more than the total charged for the services.

According to Johnson, Elba water rates tend to become losers for the utility as the volume of use increases and the per gallon rate drops.

He and Superintendent James Grimes report that the commercial rates seem to be the most out of line. The 15 or 16 largest volume commercial accounts are costing the utility about \$7,360.48 a month more than they are generating, according to Grimes.

The board asked for some additional breakdowns on cost to be presented at the next meeting.

The utility approved the adding of water lines to accommodate three additional rural water customers.

Johnson recommended approval of the proposed operating budget for 1997-98 with an agreement for an

The difference between dismissing the case and having it nolle prossed is as follows (according to the legal minds): if it is dismissed, it cannot be brought back up, but with the case being nolle prossed, Ziglar could be charged again should new evidence pertaining to the case be discovered.

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